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**Lisbon, Portugal, 08/09/2023** - The awaited [University on Youth and Development 2023](#), is set to take place from 18 to 23 September at [CEULAJ](#). Facilitated by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe, for twenty-two years, this gathering brings together youth-led organisations, international youth platforms, and institutions from around the world in the city of Molina, in Spain.

The theme for this year's event is "Young People, Peace, and Climate Change," addressing the critical issues of our time. **The program explores the intersection between peace, climate action, and youth engagement, emphasizing the role of young people in advancing factors of positive peace in relation to the environment.**

The opening ceremony on 18 September is expected to be a special moment for dialogue with 240 participants, featuring distinguished guests such as **David Veloso Larraz**, the General Director of the Spanish Youth Institute (INJUVE), **Tilemachos Boni**, member of the Advisory Council on Youth of the Council of Europe, **Milosh Ristovski**, Secretary General of the European Youth Forum, and **Thaïs Leray**, Team leader for Youth in the unit in charge of Youth, Education, and Culture of the European Commission DG for International Partnerships.

Key topics and questions to be discussed during the 2023 University on Youth and Development include:

- The role of young people in advancing factors that build positive peace in relation to the environment.
- Mechanisms to enhance capacity for effective climate change-related planning and management, with a focus on youth and women.
- Addressing misperceptions and stereotypes about young people's meaningful participation in global governance addressing climate change.
- The role of youth in combating corruption and bribery as part of climate change action.
- The contributions of interregional youth cooperation in strengthening an equitable approach to the fight against climate change.

Eight partners have been selected for their expertise, resources, and commitment to empowering young leaders for a more sustainable and just world: the AU-EU Youth Cooperation Hub, DYPALL Network, European Youth Forum, European Youth Information and Counselling Agency, Organising Bureau of European School Student Unions, The International Falcon Movement – Socialist Educational International, United Nations Development Programme, and the World Organization of the Scout Movement.

The 22<sup>nd</sup> University on Youth and Development promises to be a unique platform for dialogue, learning, and collaboration, uniting young leaders and [experts](#) to address the pressing challenges of our time. As youth continue to champion peace, climate action, and sustainable development, this event will contribute to shape the future of our global agenda.

For more information, consult this [webpage](#).

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The UYD is an international youth event part of the iLEGEND III Joint programme co-funded by the European Union and the Council of Europe. The UYD is organised by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe, in partnership with a number of youth-led and youth-oriented organisations who have the possibility to run their own activities (trainings, seminars, board meetings, etc.) within a dynamic and participatory context which encourages networking, cooperation and peer-to-peer education.

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